

**APPROVED 03/04/2009**

At 6:05 pm the Board's meeting was called to order in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Brett Hunter; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 19 February 2009. Some updates were made to the non-public session portion. With all in order, motion was made to approve the minutes for 02/19/09 as amended by Hunter and seconded by Gates. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. Carlson discussed with the Board her error with regard to the vendor manifest adjustment from 02/20/09. Carlson apologized to the Board indicated she had mistakenly mailed the checks in question, which were to be held. In light of that, Gates moved to amend the vendor manifest approval from last week by \$150 and approve that which had previously been held back. Hunter seconded and the vote was approved 3-0. Selectmen cautioned that all bills are to be reviewed carefully and no checks disbursed until Friday following the Board's approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest \$227,991.18 for current week dated 02/27/2009. Gates moved to approve the manifest. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. Carlson discussed with the Board the scheduling of a fee schedule public hearing. This will be done once through the annual meeting cycle at a regular board meeting.
3. The Board discussed announcing the completion of the cable renewal on the website and putting together a one page summary of the agreement.
4. Chief Janvrin had indicated that the sale of the former ACO truck by sealed bid can proceed. An ad will be put together and will go in the next newsletter and be posted on the website.

At 6:40 pm Patti Gentile came into the meeting. Cordes explained that last week the Board had been reviewing the March Newsletter regarding the website information and open forum information for inclusion. He thanked her for coming in to meet with the Board, and she thanked the Board for allowing her to come in, indicating in Massachusetts that you could not even approach the Board of Selectmen.

Cordes explained that there are some criteria around use of the town-sponsored website and newsletter because there are taxpayer dollars involved with their publication. The Board explained that having information available about the river is fine, but that they did not want to support a web forum that was hosted by a private party and was not town, factual information only. Ms Gentile said she had not considered this in her review of the Newsletter Guidelines.

Annmarie Scribner came in to the meeting at 6:45 pm.

There was further discussion with Ms Gentile about adding the Exeter River informational website to the Town's website as a link ([www.exeterriver.org](http://www.exeterriver.org)); which Carlson will do. Ms Gentile said she completely understood the Board's position on the forum and began to discuss her own thoughts about what could potentially be posted to the site.

Selectmen said that one of goals of the newsletter at this point, is not to include advertising. There has, however, been discussion about fundraising and advertising and what is allowed in the newsletter. Conversion to funding it via advertising would be a complete change-over in the current outlay for the newsletter, and would require a great deal of thought to come up with a policy.

Gentile then discussed Fremont being excluded from a Watershed – based assessment plan that is believe to be under study. She had contacted Theresa Walker (ERLAC), who is working on this, and is trying to get Fremont included.

Gentile thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Tax Collector Annmarie Scribner then met with the Board at 6:55 pm. She wanted to discuss an outstanding tax bill matter on parcel 06-050.010.00B. She has several conversations with the owner, Mr Hardacre, who is working diligently with his title insurance company to get this outstanding tax lien matter resolved. Scribner said she does not know what information she provided to the lender at the time of transfer, but the records research has been clearly presented. Most of the lots in that subdivision were transferred (by deed) and described incorrectly as A/B units depending on the “style” of the house constructed instead of by the Town’s correct map and lot number.

The Board indicated again that the homeowner’s title insurance is the owner’s first recourse; and if they decided to pursue it further, they should pursue action against Mr Rislove and/or the developer. The initial tax was levied against Allan Rislove and was never paid for the 2006 taxes.

There was discussion about this matter being unfortunate for the new homeowner.

Scribner left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

5. There was discussion about the meeting schedule for the next few weeks and swearing in of new members. Lori Holmes has indicated to Carlson that she is planning to swear in all non-contested officers on election night, which would make Selectman Cordes’ last meeting the one next week.

No other Department Heads were present this evening.

At 7:24 Cordes moved to recess the meeting until 7:30 pm. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

At 7:30 pm the meeting came back to order. Selectmen reviewed the mail folder. Town Clerk Lori Holmes and Deputy Kathy Arsenault stopped in to wish Cordes well as he is nearing his last meeting. Holmes discussed with the Board legislation (Senate Bill 99) that she is planning to testify about on Tuesday in Concord. The legislation would allow car dealerships to do car registrations, causing a huge loss in revenue to towns, a huge increase in State expenses over the next three years; and questions about how residency is verified.

The Board said they had grave concerns about any loss of revenue to the Town of Fremont and suggested Carlson could write a letter of support for Holmes’ position.

Holmes and Arsenault left the meeting at approximately 7:50 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

6. Carlson advised the Board of a meeting called by Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter to be held in Wolfeboro on Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The Board felt it was important for Carlson to attend this meeting, so she will rearrange her schedule to do so.
7. Carlson advised the Board that work was continuing on the Personnel Policy and that assistance was also being received from other agencies and sample policy information from other towns.
8. A renewal appointment form was received for the Town's SRRDD 53-B representative and also a notice of the upcoming member meeting March 18, 2009. Carlson will contact Bob Larson to see if he is still interested in serving the Town in this capacity as the Board expressed great interest in having him continue.
9. Selectmen reviewed a Proclamation for Silver Star Families of America and information from their web site. The Board directed Carlson to have Jeanne Nygren do some research of the agency and ascertain its status, and if it looks to be in order, to prepare a proclamation. The agency honors our wounded military veterans by showing appreciation for their sacrifices.
10. Carlson reviewed the list of Police Department appointments presented by Chief Janvrin last week. There is some question about the current status of Renee King's appointment as she has met the criteria outlined on her original form, dated December 2007. This will be discussed again with Chief Janvrin at the time the appointments are complete. Carlson had spoken with Janvrin and King about this a couple of weeks ago at a meeting.
11. Selectmen reviewed a quote from Friedrich Carpentry for additional insulation work at Safety Complex (requested by Thom Roy in conjunction with icing problems of a few weeks ago). Given the expense, it is not something that can be accomplished at this time in the budget year; and would need to go out to bid prior to proceeding, at such time as money was available.
12. Selectmen signed outgoing correspondence to Terence Busby regarding an abatement application. The Board also signed follow-up letters to bidders on Town Hall basement renovation project with updates and information on the process.
13. Scheduling for next week was discussed in that there are some conflicts. After reviewing the calendar and other meetings scheduled for the week, motion was made by Cordes and seconded by Hunter to hold the board of Selectmen's meeting on Wednesday March 4, 2009 instead of Thursday. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Carlson will post this change tonight.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday March 4, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Gates and seconded by Hunter at 9:15 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson  
Town Administrator